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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEED FOR
AND FUNDING OF A NEW LOCATION FOR THE NEW MEXICO HOLOCAUST AND
INTOLERANCE MUSEUM AND STUDY CENTER.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico holocaust and intolerance museum
and study center provides a service to all New Mexicans by
increasing their knowledge of the holocaust and their awareness
of the suffering that is caused by hate and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, the museum is dedicated to combating hate and
intolerance through education; and

WHEREAS, the museum ensures the preservation of the memory
of all who suffered in the holocaust during World War II and in
other incidents of hate and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, the museum has exhibits that provide information
about and depictions of the cultural genocide against Native

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1 Americans, the Armenian genocide, the Greek genocide, Danish
2 and Bulgarian assistance to Jews during the holocaust, the
3 Nuremberg trial and the Bataan death march; and

4 WHEREAS, the museum also provides information concerning
5 the five million non-Jews who perished at the hands of the
6 Nazis, as a result of incarceration in the Russian Gulag system
7 or as a result of the Japanese incarceration in the United
8 States during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, extensive resources are available at the museum
10 to advance the prevention of hate and intolerance, including
11 videos, symposiums and speakers, including holocaust survivors,
12 and an educational outreach program, which includes a component
13 for training school administrators; and

14 WHEREAS, the museum serves the entire nation because of
15 its extensive array of exhibits and educational resources that
16 include all areas of intolerance and hate; and

17 WHEREAS, the museum board and President Werner Gellert
18 have determined that more space is needed to continue the
19 invaluable education provided by the museum and to expand its
20 services, including a proposed children's museum; and

21 WHEREAS, the museum needs approximately one million five
22 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for a new location and
23 cannot immediately raise the money on its own;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a task force be created to assess the

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1 need for a new location for the New Mexico holocaust and
2 intolerance museum and study center; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
4 representatives from the legislature, the governor, the office
5 of cultural affairs, the mayor of the city of Albuquerque, the
6 city council of Albuquerque, the Bernalillo county commission,
7 the university of New Mexico, the Albuquerque public school
8 system, the Albuquerque chamber of commerce and the Hispano
9 chamber of commerce; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
11 study possible funding sources for the move, including any
12 governmental agencies that can provide assistance, such as the
13 city of Albuquerque, the state of New Mexico and the federal
14 government, and to determine if there is a need for
15 incorporation of the museum; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to New Mexico legislative council, the governor,
18 the office of cultural affairs, the mayor of the city of
19 Albuquerque, the city council of Albuquerque, the Bernalillo
20 county commission, the university of New Mexico, the
21 Albuquerque public school system, the Albuquerque chamber of
22 commerce and the Hispano chamber of commerce.